

## Colonel Richard T. Bew

Deputy Legislative Assistant



Colonel Bew completed Platoon Leaders Course in Quantico in 1988, received a degree in Philosophy from Lehigh University in 1989, and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Marines.

He completed The Basic School as well as the Infantry Officer's Course in 1990. He then completed flight training and was designated a Naval Aviator in 1991. He was selected for the EA-6B Prowler and reported to VAQ-129, Whidbey Island, Washington. Following graduation from VAQ-129, he reported to VMAQ-4 where he served as the Legal Officer, Schedules Officer and Assistant Operations Officer. In 1996 he completed the Weapons and Tactics Instructor course and was designated a Weapons and Tactics

Instructor and the squadron Pilot Training Officer.

In 1998 he graduated from the Amphibious Warfare School and reported back to the fleet as the Assistant Operations Officer and Pilot Training Officer for VMAQ-1. While attached to VMAQ-1, he also held the billets of Electronic Warfare Officer and Maintenance Officer and was selected as 2nd Marine Air Wing's Aviator of the Year.

In February 2001 he reported to Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron 1 where he held billets as Instructor, Electronic Warfare Division Head and Tactical Air Department Head. During this period he also served with 1st Marine Expeditionary Force Information Operations during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. In July 2004, he reported to Headquarters Marine Corps, Pentagon, where he served as the Electronic Warfare Requirements Officer for The Deputy Commandant, Aviation.

Then Lieutenant Colonel Bew commanded VMAQ-2 from 2006-2008, deploying to Al Asad Iraq. Upon completion of his command tour, he was assigned as a Deputy Legislative Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He then served as the Commandant's Fellow at Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, where he completed a Master's in International Public Policy.

In 2011 he served as the Transition Lead for the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff prior to reporting to the Third Marine Aircraft Wing as the Chief of Staff. Presently, he is assigned to Headquarters Marine Corps as the Deputy Legislative Assistant to the Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Colonel Bew is a graduate of the Marine Corps Amphibious Warfare School, Marine Corps Command and Staff College and Joint Forces Staff College.

His personal decorations include the Air Medal - Strike/Flight (14 awards), Air Medal - Individual action with Combat "V" (2 awards), Air Force Aerial Achievement Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (2 awards), Meritorious Service Medal (2 awards), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Bronze Star and Legion of Merit.